

last acts was to send two pounds of choice country butter to the "parsonage," and pay "quarterage" for the month of April. May the Lord prosper them in their new home.

We publicly thank brother Jacob Billman, of Dayton, and cousin Joseph Copp, of West Alexandria, for meat and maple syrup.

The Dayton church will hold meetings nightly from May 11, to 21, at which time the holy communion will be celebrated.

We were glad to entertain the State Evangelist—the Elisha of the church—and now witness to his good work in a practical way for the Troy church.

To "Anxious Inquirer"

I wish to say a word in addition to what our editor has said to "Anxious Inquirer." Others as well as myself have been baptized and even preached the gospel and yet not fully known Christ, or in other words were not converted. Others may speak for themselves and I will speak for myself. The reading of John Bunyan's searching work, his devotional work and his consoling work swept away from me everything but Christ as my Savior. In fact I had no need to read Bunyan to find this out for the Bible tells of it from the blood of righteous Abel in Genesis to those in Revelation who washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, but I could not read the truth free from preconceived opinions. I had been looking to ordinances as my Savior and found myself a boggot and devoid of the truth. But when I looked unto Jesus as my Savior and to him alone I find peace of heart and mind and feel that death and hell, so long as I look to Jesus, have no fear to me. I cannot explain to my own and perhaps others' satisfaction either, the new birth but I feel like the blind man when the blessed Master opened his eyes that whereas I was blind now I see. The blessed Master himself says the new birth is a mystery. I would exhort all who may be looking to baptism or any other good works, to look away from these things and look only to Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. For if works alone could have saved Christ never would have died to save us. Ordinances have their place as symbols and nothing more. Good works are the result of the saved. Throw yourself into the arms of Christ as the child does its father and you are saved.

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Personal Items and Work In the West

Our Rescue Lantern. During the past winter I could do but little in my contemplated work, but as the spring time comes and weather settles I expect to gather up the fragments and put as promised the amount into the mission work, both Brothers Lyon and Copp will hear from me in a practical way. I expect to use in this connection two lectures. One is, Jesus Reigns or Extending the Kingdom, a tour round the world with a missionary. The second is, An Evening Among the Brethren, this shows the

Brethren churches and workers from all parts of the brotherhood, and will do more to make our young people acquainted with the church and her work than a year's reading. For various reasons it has taken time to accomplish this work, but I have never yet given up a good object and you will hear from us some sweet day.

Unloading Schooners. I have changed my mind about printing this temperance talk at the present time. I have got a right to change my mind. A fool never changes his mind, a wise man does. It took an hour and a half to deliver the address; one woman said it made her tired, another said it was too short. I have pruned it, made it shorter and sweeter, and shall offer it to temperance organizations. If you want a live temperance service I can help you. There are two sides to the temperance subject, I do not care to be an extremist on either side, but I do want to keep the devil on the outside. I have admired our editor's writings on the temperance subject and the comments in the square on first page recently were all right, but they did not go far enough. Back of the voter is the church and unless the churches get right on this subject, the work will not amount to much. In most places I have investigated recently, where there are saloons church members have helped put them there, Brethren and Dunkards not excepted.

Our District Work. Our evangelist keeps working away. His patience and continuity ought to appeal to our churches, if his success does not. Yet some are not only careless but criminally indifferent, actually some of our strong churches, strong in money if not in religion, are indifferent to our needs. They occupy the position of, "Heads I win, tails you lose," and they must have a cent with a head on each side, for they never pay anything. Giving can be made a means of grace, but those who can and don't give are graceless. I think our district name ought to be changed; there is nothing in it. Only a conglomeration that fails to take in the territory in which we are now working. Those who coined it done the best they could under the circumstances. Hamlin church will take the next conference and give you a royal good time; we expect it. If you know any just cause why we should not have it, write us and say so; don't knife us in the back, as has been done heretofore. Valid objections are in order but wire pulling is a curse even to politics.

Preachers and Members. Brother Braker has made a good impression in Falls City. This church has had a struggle. Brother Harrison and wife helped bring them out of their distresses. If so called faith healing and Christian alliance business is repudiated it will outgrow its troubles. Brother Burnsworth still holds forth at his trinity of appointments. Brother Clarence Yoder won a prize in oratory at Hiawath recently. Good talking runs in the Yoder family. Carleton church held their business meeting recently and said their pastor should keep on staying

with them. It yet remains to be seen if Hamlin says "me too." The writer had two funerals at Hamlin the same day, neither members of the church. There are isolated members of the church; why shouldn't they help support the church of their choice? Uncle Joe of Loree, Indiana, that was a good letter in the A. S. You ought to fling lots of ink from your pen.

The Kingdom of God. I am glad Brother Yoder has been studying the kingdom subject. It is a great subject. I told Charley when at Pony Creek that it was the key to New Testament scriptures, and I tell you the same. Investigate it for yourself. Since my illness in Chicago I have studied it and will continue to do so. The kingdom is not the church, the kingdom is larger than the church. The Brethren church bears a special relation to the kingdom, of which I shall speak later, hence I have no sympathy with these men who are playing the Brethren church into the hands of other denominations, have no sympathy with, nor use for their methods or notions. The Brethren church has her special work to do in the kingdom. Let her do it. Let other denominations keep their hands off and do their own work.

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Old Dominion

Last Sunday we closed a three weeks' meeting at Arkton, Va. Immediate results about 33 confessions up to date; 22 have been added to the church by baptism and transfer. We hope to receive most of the remaining number at next regular appointment. The writer broke down during this meeting physically, and we phoned for Brother Hall of Harrisburg, Va., who did much of the preaching and proved a success. Only a few years past brother Simon Fogle of New Market, prevailed on the writer to go out with him to the above point, and we were introduced by him to this people as the first Brethren preacher to visit that section. Our first effort was to have the people know the doctrine of our fraternity.

Last December we dedicated a church building for worship which was deeded to the Brethren church. We now have enrolled 60 active members, with good prospects. This has been a mission point and which was run at the expense chiefly by Brother Fogle and the preacher, the former deserves great credit for this church enterprise.

I wish to call attention both to preachers and laity to a fact which is overlooked. There are many places doubtless where a good work could be done by a little effort. First, let the members be on the lookout and notify the pastor, then the congregation allow him the time to make an effort to gather or form a class. In this way we not only do good but increase our membership. We have too many preachers that seldom get away from regular appointments. Let some